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SUBJECT: NZ SUPPORT FOR US ANTARCTIC PROGRAM

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1. DEPARTMENT AND NSF INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER CONTINUING DELAY IN NEW ZEALAND MFA RESPONSE TO US PROPOSAL FOR TALKS. NSF REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE LEAD TIME TO SCHEDULE INTERRELATED ACTIVITIES OF NEXT AUSTRAL SEASON IN ANTARCTICA, AND IS ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT ON LOGISTICS WITH NEW ZEALAND IN NEAR FUTURE. APRIL 9 DATE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED RESPONSE FORTHCOMING AND DOES NOT PRESENT PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL US PREPARATION.

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2. REQUEST EMBASSY EXPRESS TO MFA US CONCERN THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE SOON TO FACILITATE PLANNING US ANTARCTIC PROGRAM FOR 1973-74.

3. REASON FOR UNANTICIPATED DELAY NOT UNDERSTOOD HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER PURELY BUREAUCRATIC FACTORS RESPONSIBLE OR IF THERE ARE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS.

4. NSF WILL BE REPRESENTED BY TWO OR THREE PERSONS. WE HAD ANTICIPATED THAT STATE PARTICIPATION WOULD BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY. HOWEVER, REQUEST EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON FUNDAMENTAL. DOUBT WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT WHETHER THERE WAS ANY DETAILED PLAN OR PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE SUPPORTED AT THIS TIME. DOUBT WAS ALSO EXPRESSED ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS AND/OR ABILITY OF THESE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY WITH US AND WITH EACH OTHER.

4. THE COLOMBIAN PROGRAM HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 4. ROGERS

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